

County News.

BRISTOL.

H. C. Munsil continues in poor health. R. D. Stewart and family are at the lake.

Dr. Farnham is taking a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Oren Orentt died on Tuesday, the 10th, aged 87.

Water is getting low in the springs and in the river.

The fall term of the graded school opens September 7.

Mrs. L. M. Bates and daughter, from New York, are in town.

Mrs. M. S. Wilds is having her residence on East street painted.

A. A. Dean, grandfather of Dr. Dean, is very sick at this writing.

E. B. Patterson seems to be the coming man for Montpelier this fall.

Nearly every one in the village has uncles, aunts or cousins visiting them.

Special meeting of Libanus Lodge, F. and A. M., Monday evening, August 23.

Rev. C. S. Sargent of New Haven exchanged with Rev. P. B. Strong last Sunday.

Miss Julia Barry and Miss Hattie Bissone are to have charge of the intermediate and primary departments in the graded school, the same as last year.

NEW HAVEN.

The Roscoe family return this week from the Harbor.

Mrs. Minnie (Hall) Sprague leaves this week for Nebraska.

Mrs. Oliver Eaton was in town Sunday and presided at the organ.

Mr. Samuel Wright has taken a scholarship in Beeman academy by the payment of \$400.

The youngest child of Mr. Samuel King was severely and dangerously hurt on Monday last by the kick of a colt.

On Wednesday quite a party from town, including the pastor and wife, took a sail on the lake on the steamer *Gazelle*, and of course report a fine time.

Last Sunday the pastor exchanged with Rev. Mr. Strong of Bristol, who gave an earnest, practical discourse upon the theme "The Word of God, and the Godly Man."

C. W. Rogers came in on the Sunday morning train from Bellows Falls to spend a day or two with his family, returning Monday night. Mrs. Rogers is improving rapidly.

Mr. L. M. Tripp, for many years a resident of this town, but now of Milwaukee, with his wife, is visiting friends and old acquaintances, and were the guests of Hon. and Mrs. Wm. P. Nash Sunday.

Mr. Henry O. Gifford of Russell, Kansas, and his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gifford of New York city, with Rev. and Mrs. Carrie (Gifford) Tobey, are all at the homestead. It is expected there will be a family reunion sometime during Mr. Gifford's stay in town.

A letter recently received from Miss E. W. Douglass of Oakes, N. C., and for many years a teacher in the South, reports great destitution among the colored people where she is laboring; the heavy rains and hail and insects destroying wheat, corn and vegetables; the people not comfortably clad, causing disease and sickness. However, they are very eager to learn, and this she writes precludes loneliness and renders one oblivious to discomfort. Forty-seven persons have taken the Band of Hope pledge, and ten adults the Blue Ribbon pledge.

ORWELL.

Mrs. Samuel Cook is reported a little better, but is still very sick.

Rev. M. L. Severance of Manchester occupied the Congregational church pulpit very acceptably on Sunday last.

Mr. Clark Chittenden of Hopkinton, N. Y., is in town looking after his interests here.

Rev. George Brooks of Charlestown, Mass., will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday next.

James Munger, who has been suffering with a cancer for some time past, is very low and probably can survive but a short time.

Hon. W. B. Sanford has returned from his recent trip West and reports everything in a prosperous condition among his friends there.

D. J. Mercere and wife of Rutland are spending a few days in town, the guests of his father, near Mt. Independence.

W. E. Moore of Ellis, Kansas, was in town last week. Mr. Moore is assistant cashier of the Merchants' bank of that place, of which W. O. Ray of this town is president.

RIPTON.

On the 3d inst. flakes of snow were seen in small quantities.

The Ladies' Church Aid society in Rip-ton are trying to raise money to paint the meeting-house.

Leroy Pierce has bought out J. E. Goodroe's share in the stage route and proposes to "go it alone." Mr. Goodroe's business being such that he could not well take care of it.

A few days after the fire at G. A. Baker's store President Bingham of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company and Adjuster Forbes of Brandon came to town, and after a thorough inspection of the premises the parties mutually agreed to settle on \$900 loss.

J. E. Goodroe has bought most of the stock in G. A. Baker's store, is to rent the building after being cleaned and repaired, and proposes to set himself up as a merchant. We can see no good reason why, with his energy and aptitude for business, he should not succeed—at least we hope he will.

WEST CORNWALL.

H. E. Taylor is on the sick list.

M. S. Keeler rides in a new top buggy. Harvesting is being rushed just now, as grain ripens very fast.

Miss Etta Dunham of Newark, N. J., is visiting Miss Florence Tracy.

Edgar Sanford lately visited his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Flanders of Pittsford.

Mrs. M. A. Hamilton spent several days lately in Middlebury, with friends.

Rain is much needed. Brown and yellow will soon be the predominating colors unless rain comes.

Retta Lewis came home on Saturday from Crown Point, N. Y., where she has been staying for several weeks.

The scholars of the Baptist Sabbath school went to Lake Dunmore for a picnic on Wednesday of last week.

"They say" says that Henry Peck has lately received a pension of \$4 a month and back-pay amounting to \$1100.

Eugene Severance of Willsboro, with his wife, came Monday to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Bond.

Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, a niece of Edgar Sanford, has returned to her home in Burlington, after a visit to her relatives here.

Miss Em. Griswold is at the old home for her annual vacation. She will spend several weeks at home and with other relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Darling of New York city, with her two little girls, is at her sister's, Mrs. Azal Hamilton. She will stay through the warm weather.

Mr. Shirk of Whiting preached in exchange with Mr. Klock of Middlebury, who has been supplying the pulpit here very acceptably for a number of Sundays.

J. Q. Atwood and wife are home from their Western trip. They were pleased with the country, but do not desire to go there for a home. They went as far West as Minnesota, visiting H. A. Pinney and their children and Joseph Stearns, former residents of this town.

The little boy of Warren Norton's died Friday morning of brain trouble. It was buried in the west cemetery Saturday afternoon. Rev. M. C. Stebbins officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Norton wish to thank all, and there were many, who so kindly assisted them in caring for their little one in his sickness and for their sympathy and aid after his death, and for their attentions and beautiful flowers on the day of the funeral. They have the sympathy of all their neighbors.

Mrs. Carrie (Deane) Headlee of Missouri is visiting her relatives. She is a daughter of F. H. Deane, and sister of H. F. Deane and Mrs. William H. DeLong. She went to Missouri several years ago with her husband, Mr. Headlee, a Methodist minister. He preaches now, and they are connected with their son-in-law in a collegiate institute in that place. They have two daughters, both married, and one son. Their old friends here and in the vicinity will be glad to know of their prosperity.

WEYBRIDGE.

The sick are all convalescent.

Rev. Miss Delevan is at Round Lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chrysler returned home on Tuesday.

The dam is being repaired. The water in the creek is very low.

Quite a number of reapers and binders are doing fine work in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tyler are at Fort Cassin. Mrs. W. J. Newton is at Basin Harbor.

Rev. B. Cox of Addison supplied the M. E. pulpit last Sunday, preaching a very acceptable sermon.

Messrs. Arthur Cole and Bernice Twitchell and ladies visited Lake Dunmore on Tuesday and had a fine time.

Our summer visitors are Mrs. Kate Hurlbut Coban of Montana, Miss Nellie Hurlbut of Bennington, Mr. Kidder and daughter of Williamstown, Vt., and Prof. W. I. Twitchell of Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Jennie Ryder Weymer, so well known to us, is at her brother's, Mr. E. C. Ryder, on a flying visit. Mrs. W. has located at Chicago, Ill., and is giving her whole efforts in behalf of the new training school just started there, and her visit East is no doubt connected with that enterprise. Her scores of friends will be glad of an opportunity of once more beholding her face. If her time will admit she will undoubtedly speak to the Sabbath school next Sunday at the M. E. church.

WHITING.

Tip Kilburn is home again on a short visit.

A. D. Needham and wife have been visiting friends in Orwell.

Charles Myat was badly hurt by falling from a wagon, last Friday.

Miss Mabel Stevens of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and son of Rutland are visiting at Orison Smith's, brother of Mrs. Chapman.

Rev. M. C. Stebbins of Cornwall will preach at the Congregational church August 15, in exchange with Mr. Mayhew.

The next social gathering of the ladies of the town will be at R. L. Blaisell's, on Wednesday afternoon, August 18. All are invited.

Many of our farmers have finished their haying. All report an abundant crop of hay. The oat crop is not good, as was expected; rust has hurt them.

The ladies of the Congregational society will give their next lawn party on the common in front of the church, Thursday evening, August 19, when ice cream, coffee, lemonade and cake will be served to the party. All are invited to attend.

VERGENNES.

Dr. Shipman has returned from his New York visit.

Miss Fanny Perry of Troy, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Kate Foss.

Mrs. R. H. Mead of Galva, Ill., is the guest of J. B. Husted and wife.

Rev. Thomas N. Gregory of Bristol occupied the Methodist pulpit Sunday.

There was a Sabbath-school picnic from Monkton to Long Point, Tuesday.

Mrs. M. S. Jackman is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ross at Rock Point, Burlington.

The boat L. B. Danforth of New York, Capt. D. G. Case, has arrived with coal for J. S. Hickok.

Rev. Mr. Austin of the Methodist church is still enjoying himself at Shelburne harbor.

The nail factory company is putting in a new bulkhead for their factory, which necessitates some blasting.

C. B. Strong, with a W. A. Wood reaper, cut twelve acres of barley for Cyrus Bowers of Pantton, in ten and a half hours.

The States of Connecticut and Vermont were represented in St. Paul's church last Sunday by not less than fifteen Booths.

Ford H. Taylor, who is with George E. Stone, is on a visit to his brother, who lives at the head of Lake George, for this week.

John C. Strong, clerk for F. K. Haven, is enjoying a two week's vacation, during which he will visit his friend, Walter Tappen of Troy.

A party of some twelve or more were taken by J. S. Hickok to Thompson's Point, Ferrisburgh, Monday, on the *Gazelle*.

Mr. A. Ross, cashier of the Vergennes national bank, and his wife are taking a week's vacation, visiting friends in Boston, Mass., and Dover, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter of Hartford, Conn., are the guests of Rev. Mr. Taylor and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are Mrs. Taylor's parents.

The North Ferrisburgh Methodist Sabbath school intend taking an excursion to Grand Isle on the steamer *Williams*, which will take them from Ball's Bay.

Will Ross, son of the late Thomas Ross of Rutland, is the guest of Robert Ross, his uncle. He is camping at Basin Harbor; also Miss Blanche Stacey of Lynn, Mass.

The members of the St. John Baptist society have presented to St. Peter's Roman Catholic church a statue of St. John, nearly life size, and it is in place to the left of the main altar.

Miss Edna Carlisle, who has been in Brandon for some months, is visiting her aunts, the Misses Taggart. She expects to return to Mrs. Varney's establishment, Brandon, in the fall.

The shade-roller establishment shut down Tuesday, for the double purpose of fixing their flume and giving the boys an opportunity to attend the band excursion to Basin Harbor.

Miss Nellie Pierpoint of Chicago, Ill., daughter of the late Chief Justice Pierpoint, and Miss Fannie Stearns, daughter of the late Dr. Stearns of Elizabeth, N. J., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parker.

Dr. Crabtree of Boston, with some one hundred friends, en route for the Universalist camp-meeting at Queen City park, passed through Vergennes Monday. The doctor will be remembered by many of our citizens.

The B. B. association, just organized, have engaged the fair grounds for the season, and play three games weekly. The first will be between the Westport and Vergennes clubs. Admittance, 15 cents; ladies and children free.

Mrs. David Peck and two daughters of Newtown, Conn., are the guests of C. A. Booth, also John Loman of New York, Miss Grace Hill and Miss Estelle Snelling of Danbury, Conn., and Mr. Josiah Booth of Newtown, Conn.

In a recent instance where a horse was being stung to death by bees a smudge was built under the horse, the bees left, and the horse was at once bathed in saleratus water and given brandy and he was soon all right.

N. G. Needham of Pantton lost a valuable mare, last Wednesday, by being fatally stung by bees. The other one of the span was badly injured, but is recovering. Mr. Needham's son Amos was badly stung.

That was a most sensible thing on the part of Gov. Pingree to select so fit a person as W. G. Fairbank, Esq., superintendent of the State reform school, as a delegate from Vermont to attend the National prison congress at Atlanta, Georgia, in November.

George Bell of Ferrisburgh was knocked from the top of the cars by a bridge on the Central Vermont railroad, near Rutland, Saturday. His head was badly

cut, he lost three teeth and was otherwise badly bruised. He was taken home and is doing well. He was a brakeman.

The Vergennes cornet band, at their park concert Saturday evening, played fluently, and were heartily cheered. Mr. J. W. Pratt of Boston, a guest of the Stevens' House, at once started a paper for raising money to build a band stand in the park. Sixty dollars was raised at once, and it has been brought up to \$100 since. The stand will now be built.

The Stevens' hose company have made pretty good time in their evening tests. They covered 1250 feet in sixty seconds, and made all connections, also 800 feet in thirty-eight seconds. They go to Fair Haven to attend the muster Saturday, the 14th. The *Hooks* will also attend the muster, and have engaged the *Gazelle* to take them to Whitehall, Friday.

Rev. Dr. Henry Hickok of Orange, N. J., preached in the Congregational church Sunday. His sermon was on the 21st verse of the 17th chapter of John. It was a sermon of great force, profound, searching, and while almost scathing in some of its criticisms on the lack of unity, of Christian self-denial, and real vital religion, was overflowing with a catholic spirit that recognized a disciple of Christ, no matter at what church shrine he kneels. Such discourses are not frequent, but cannot fail of being fruitful of good.

State News.

Montpelier business men are considering the introduction of the electric light.

The 33,000th money order was registered at the St. Johnsbury post-office last week.

A Barre granite firm has the order for the Grant memorial to be erected by the city of Chicago.

Mrs. Lewis Cobb of Wallingford fell down stairs at midnight, Sunday, and died Monday morning.

None of the three prisoners who escaped from Burlington last week has been recaptured, though \$50 reward is offered.

Samuel Johnson Allen, an eminent physician and surgeon, died at White River Junction Sunday quite suddenly.

An Underhill woman with three husbands has been sentenced in the municipal court, Burlington, to 18 months in the house of correction for bigamy.

The Dorset Marble company of Rutland is reported in bad financial condition. This concern was understood to have furnished the late Gov. Page with the funds he used to carry on his lawsuits.

Hosea Wilkins was killed at Rutland a short time ago by being thrown from a wagon, and now his wife has sued the village for \$10,000, saying that the accident was caused by the wagon striking a water-box in the road.

J. W. McCurdy, the man who swindled Rutland people a few days ago by selling them cheap jewelry, was fined \$50 and costs for selling goods without a State license. A complaint being brought against him for maintaining a lottery, he disappeared, but his accomplice, Bolton, was held for trial.

The first reunion of the 17th Vermont regiment will be held at Montpelier in October. Edward Baker, Montpelier, Vt., the secretary, desires the address of every officer and man of the regiment prior to the October meeting, that he may invite all to be present at the time and prepare as complete a roll of the survivors as possible.

M. C. Barbour of West Pawlet has received a patent for a curious cream separator. It is a milk receiver with a conical bottom, and with a floating stopper of such specific gravity that it will stop to rest between the milk and the cream, so that when the milk is drawn off from an opening in the centre of the conical bottom this floating stopper will automatically close the opening and thus separate the cream from the milk.

At the meeting Thursday of the battle monument association, ex-Gov. Fairbanks presiding, at Bennington, the directors and special committee were authorized to contract for the foundation and erection of a monument 300 feet high. Its site was also located in the centre of the highway on a pinnacle in old Bennington, now Bennington Centre, in front of the site of the continental storehouse. Work will commence as soon as the contracts are arranged.

Ellen Dupeur, a young married woman of St. Albans, died a few days ago under suspicious circumstances and an investigation showed that an abortion had been performed. Fred Balch, a young man from Lamotte county, who had been intimate with the woman, disappeared the day she died, but was found in a barn near Johnson Saturday by the sheriff. Balch showed fight and drew a revolver on the officer, but was finally handcuffed and is now in St. Albans jail awaiting a preliminary hearing. Others besides Balch are implicated.

Dr. Charles Woodhouse of Rutland has in his possession a very valuable and important original letter written by General Ethan Allen to the "Honorable Committee of Correspondence for the City and County of Albany." The letter is dated Fort Ticouderoga and is signed by Ethan Allen as "Commander of Fort Ticouderoga," being dated May 12, 1775. The text and signature of the document are written in a round bold hand and the letter is chiefly devoted to the condition of the country at that time and a brief statement of facts concerning the capture of Fort Ticouderoga.

A Brattleboro dispatch of Friday says: The White Mountain express due here at 3 p. m. came into collision with a flat car a quarter of a mile below the depot, in which the engine was wrecked and the baggage and two drawing room cars held the cars thrown from the track. The train was heavily loaded but fortunately no one was dangerously injured, though Brattleboro passenger was considerably injured by the heavy baggage, while some of the passengers were pitched off their seats. The train was running at the rate of 30 miles an hour and was rounding a curve, when the flat car was discovered, too late to prevent a collision. The car was landed on top of the engine, which was partly buried in the ground, while the track was torn up, ties and rails scattered, and two of the three derailed cars tipped partially over. The three rear coaches remained on the track. The accident was the result of carelessness, the flat car having run down over the switch by the loosening of a brake

General News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The first session of the 49th Congress came to an end on Thursday afternoon, the 5th inst. It began December 7, 1885, and lasted seven months and 25 days, or 241 days exclusive of Sundays. The Senate was in session 164 days, and the House 185. There were introduced in the two houses 13,202 measures, 10,114 being House bills, and 214 House joint resolutions; and 2891 bills and 83 joint resolutions of the Senate. The measures proposed for enactment exceeded in number by 2940 those introduced at the first session of the 48th Congress, which sat for seven months and four days, or 165 days of actual working time. They covered all sorts of subjects, and comparatively few were of what may be termed national importance. A very small percentage of the whole number introduced were passed; a comparatively small number succeeded in getting through the committees to which they were referred and reaching the calendars of the respective houses. The total number of measures that passed both houses was 1101, of which 241 were Senate bills, and 860 bills which originated in the House. Ten hundred and ninety-five of these were received by the President, and of that number 814 were approved; 137 became laws without the President's signature; 115 were vetoed and nine failed for want of signature at the time of adjournment, 10 days not having expired since they reached the President. Of the total that became laws 746 were House measures and 241 Senate measures. Those that became such by limitation, were, with two exceptions, private pension and relief bills. Of the measures vetoed by the President, 35 were Senate and 77 House bills.

OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS.

David Magone of Ogdensburg has been appointed collector of the port of New York in place of Hadden. Magone is a lawyer.

The record of the present Congress fills 920 printed pages not including the indexes and the appendix. This exceeds by about 1500 pages the record of any preceding session of Congress.

James C. Matthews, the colored Democrat, whose nomination to succeed Fred Douglass as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia was rejected by the Senate, was on Monday reappointed to the office.

Thomas J. Brennan, private secretary to Secretary Manning, who has just returned to Washington from a visit to his chief at Watch Hill, says that he found the secretary very much improved in health and spirits and gaining health every day.

The colored people are planning to hold a national convention at Washington in October to consider the idea of building monuments to the benefactors of the race—John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Abraham Lincoln and others.

The President approved at the last moment these bills: Extending the system for the immediate delivery of letters; amending the pension laws by increasing the pension of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or a leg in the service; providing for the inspection of tobacco, cigars and snuff.

It is stated at the pension office that pension agents will be instructed to pay the increase of pension to those coming within the provisions of the recent act allowing increased rates for loss of an arm or leg without application or any formalities whatever. The practice will be the same as under the act of March 19, 1886, granting an increase to widows and dependent relatives.

DOMESTIC.

A new military post is to be established in Utah a few miles north of Salt Lake City. It will be called Fort Duquesne.

The *Priscilla* was first, Puritan second, in the New York Yacht Club race from New London, Ct., to Newport, R. I., on Thursday.

Four New Haven, Ct., homing pigeons were released at the Grand Central depot at New York the other day and arrived home in 67 minutes. The distance is 76 miles.

The society of the Army of the Potomac at the San Francisco encampment elected General Marshall T. McMahon of New York president. Saratoga was selected as the next place of meeting.

It is proposed to hold a national convention of Knights of Labor, grangers, greenbackers, and agricultural wheats, etc., at Indianapolis, Ind., in September, to form a national party with the rights of labor for a corner-stone.

The July fire record in the United States and Canada as estimated by the New York Daily Commercial Bulletin involved the loss of \$10,000,000 worth of property, 50 per cent more than the average fire loss in July for nearly 20 years.

The courts of Georgia have made the Buena Vista and Ellaville railroad of that State surrender the free pass which the road gave to G. T. Walker, editor of the *American Republican*, and took it away from him when he retired from the paper. The ex-editor sued for its recovery and got it.

A neighborhood feud near Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday resulted in the deliberate firing into a load of people returning from a picnic by Thomas Hobbs and his son, John Faubly and Jacob Waller were instantly killed. A mob gathered and, overhauling the father and son, hanged them to the nearest tree.

The single-skill race between Edward Hanlan, James Ten Eyck, George H. Hosmer and John McKay was rowed off Santasket, Mass., Monday evening. It was for \$1100 of which \$700 went to first, \$300 to second and \$100 to third. The course was a mile and a half with turn. Hanlan won, maintaining his lead from start to finish.

At Mancelona, Mich., a fire originating in the Mancelona House swept over the entire town Saturday, destroying the business portion. Twenty-five buildings were burned, including the post-office, bank and two newspaper offices. The loss will be very heavy. The fire was uncontrollable from the first owing to inadequate water protection.

In a saloon at Elizabeth, N. J., the other day ex-Alderman John Connelly badgered John Lanahan, a young man of 18, about his inability to drink. Lanahan said he could drink all Connelly would pay for. This was agreed to and Lanahan emptied twelve large glasses filled to the brim with whiskey. He

reached the street, staggered along for about a block and dropped dead.

Julius A. Stickney, a Boston business man, was killed near the city Saturday by a fall from the "sociable" tricycle which he and his wife were riding. The machine was overturned by one of the driving wheels going into a rut. Stickney's head struck on a stone, fracturing his skull. Mrs. Stickney is much prostrated, but her condition is not thought to be serious.

It is stated that Charles Russell, a laborer at Cincinnati, found the other day, while attending a boulder crushing machine in the street, a diamond weighing 1-1/2 carats, said to be worth over \$100,000. The conjecture is raised that it was the diamond that was lost at Blenheim Island in 1866 by Mrs. Clark, who visited there with Aaron Burr, as described by Burr in a published letter to his daughter, the theory being that the stone became embedded in a boulder, which afterward was brought there for paving.

The funeral of Samuel J. Tilden was attended from his late home, Greystone, Yonkers, N. Y., Saturday, President Cleveland and members of his cabinet being present. Out of the \$5,000,000 of property which Mr. Tilden leaves two-thirds will be devoted to public uses. The will was read at Greystone Monday afternoon. Mrs. Mary B. Pelton, Mr. Tilden's sister, is the only relative to receive a specific bequest outright. The others are given the income of certain sums during life. Mrs. Pelton receives the residence at West Thirty-eighth street, and \$100,000. The rest of the real estate, including Greystone and Gramercy Park, are to be disposed of as the executors see fit. After providing for personal bequests, the trustees are to establish free libraries at New Lebanon and Yonkers, and, if it seems best to them, in New York city, this disposition as to the use of the funds to promote some other educational or some charitable cause being left to their discretion.

FOREIGN.

Mr. Gladstone, who was returned to the House of Commons both from Midlothian and the Leith boroughs, Scotland, has chosen to sit for the former district.

A dispatch received at Toronto from the attorney general of Newfoundland emphatically denies the stories about the suffering and death among the fishermen of Newfoundland and Labrador and they say such reports are malicious falsifications.